

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETINGNovember 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Tristan Wright, President
Mr. Charles Chavez, Jr., Clerk
Mr. Howie Jorajuria, Member
Mr. Julian Rinehart, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido
Mr. Ryan Schmitt
Ms. Sarah Bell
Ms. Traci Sparks
Mrs. Ann Taylor
Ms. Kim Hand
Mr. Tim Burns

I. CALL TO ORDER

❖ Mr. Tristan Wright called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tristan Wright

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

❖ Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Charlie Chavez made the motion to adopt. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

IV. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

❖ Mr. Tristan Wright opened nominations for President to replace Mr. Mike Silva who resigned. Mr. Charlie Chavez nominated Mr. Wright and Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded the nomination. There was no discussion. Mr. Wright is the newly appointed president.

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

❖ No comments.

VI. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Matters about which the Board may engage in discussion but will take no action.

1. Superintendent Reports

a) Return-to-School Report

❖ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ She will discuss Return-to-School information in the action item
- ❖ Everything seems to be going well with mitigation plan
- ❖ We have six students in remote learning
- ❖ Mrs. Rodriguez is the teacher for four of the students. She zooms

b) Jr. High Student Presentation

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following

- ❖ Bringing Back Sports

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- Daniela Ponce and Marissa Jimenez went to Mrs. Johnson and asked her if and when MVS will have sports again
- The two girls prepared a presentation. Mrs. Johnson stated she is very proud of them and their organization to create a power point
- Daniela Ponce and Marissa Jimenez gave their power point presentation
- Ms. Sarah Bell stated that the girls came up with all the information they presented
- Mrs. Johnson stated they applied what has been taught to them

c) Water Plant Report

❖ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

❖ ADEQ On-Site Visit

- Things are moving along
- ADEQ compliance department had an on-site of the plant
- Performed an annual review of the plant and checked the compliance posting notices about the water quality
- A cover letter was sent home with an update to the public

❖ On-Site Pre-Bid Meeting

- On-site pre-bid meeting went well
- Six contractors toured the site: Yuma Valley Contractors, Taylor Construction, Pilkington, Cline Custom Electric, Mac GC Electric, and Walker-River Construction, from Phoenix
- The question was asked of what is the rush. All questions are being directed to Lynne Ford and Sternco. Will ask Lynne Ford if maybe the date can be extended

❖ Communication with SFB

- A Zoom call was held on October 27, 2020 with SFB, Sternco, Bill Munch, and Lynne Ford to orient our new SFB liaison with the project. It went well and it is no surprise that it will be a million dollar project.

❖ Failing Pumps

- Pumps are failing and will not get us through until final project.
- We received a quote from Priority Well for \$5,700. It was submitted to SFB. It was approved at one level, now waiting for the next level approval

❖ Distribution Lines Application with ADEQ

- ATC – Received a letter from NOM. There are some small things missing. It will be cleaned so the resubmission can be approved

d) Bond Report

❖ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

❖ ESCO Process

- Personally excited about this process
- Midstate, an ESCO company, toured the facilities
- Electric bills have been given to Midstate
- Reached out to three firms: One company was disjoined, one company was not solid
- Midstate rose to the top by all means
- Will be recommending tonight to hire a Project Manager
- Recommending a board work session either the 8th or 10th of December to show how the ESCO process works
- Recommending to postpone the December meeting until the 15th

❖ Procurement Process Explanation

- Recommending a board work session to fully understand what an ESCO can do. Midstate was on-site November 10th to look over the campus. They will then prepare an audit that can be presented to the school board during a work session. In a separate meeting (perhaps December) the board can decide whether to hire them or not

❖ Project Manager Explanation

- Three firms were recommended and selected off 1GPA

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- Reached out to all three firms and spoke to two firms: H2 Group and Arcadis. FM Group opted out and were not interested. H2 Group was not fully interested while Arcadis was very interested and came highly recommended by other districts
 - Arcadis has taken us on
 - Arcadis will be giving a presentation
 - ❖ **Master Plan**
 - Master planning will begin in December/January, once we have all entities hired
 - ❖ **Arcadis Presentation**
 - Mr. Steve Jones from Arcadis presented their services and scope of work. He also explained the ESCO process.
 - Arcadis, DLR and Midstate will be on campus on November 18, 2020 to tour the campus and look at the needs
- e) **Board Member Resignation**
- ❖ **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
 - ❖ **Mr. Mike Silva's Resignation**
 - Mr. Silva has resigned
 - His seat will be advertised and appointed in November and December
 - Mrs. Johnson went over the appointment process from the email received from Mr. Tom Tyree
 - The application submitted to ADEQ on October 8, 2020. We are now waiting to hear back from NOM
 - ❖ **Process for Appointing New Member**
 - Mrs. Ann Taylor will fill Mr. Charlie Chavez's position in January

2. Governing Board Member Comments

- No Comments

I. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

These items are adoption of a routine nature and those that normally do not require deliberations on the part of the Governing Board. A board member may pull items, which will then be discussed and voted on separately.

1. Minutes

- a) Minutes of September 8, 2020 – Regular Meeting
- b) Minutes of October 13, 2020 – Regular Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

- c) Expense #12 \$40,366.08
- d) Expense #13 \$31,799.46
- e) Expense #14 \$ 66.30

3. Payroll Vouchers

- f) P-08 \$49,002.65
- g) P-09 \$42,063.38

4. Student Activity Reports

- h) October 2020
- i) Year-to-Date – 10/31/2020

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- j) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – October 2020

6. Gift and Donations

- k) Tax Credit

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7. Other

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded. Motion carries.

II. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Arcadis as Project Manager

Motion: Mr. Charlie Chavez made the motion to approve Arcadis as Project Manager. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

Mr. Tristan Wright stated that he appreciated the presentation given by Mr. Steve Jones from Arcadis.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Use of the Newest Updated AZDHS Safely Returning to In-Person Instruction Document Guidelines in Conjunction with Yuma County Health Department Guidance to Determine When to Change the Delivery Method of Instruction

Motion: Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to discuss the use of the newest updated AZDHS Safely Returning to In-Person Instruction Document Guidelines in conjunction with Yuma County Health Department Guidance to determine when to change the delivery method of instruction. Mr. Charlie Chavez seconded.

Mrs. Johnson stated the following in her Power Point presentation:

- ADHS updated guidelines
- Increase in cases in Yuma County
- Reviewed previous MVS criteria for Returning to Virtual Instruction
- Recommended using newest updated guidelines
- Compared original the 8/6/2020 and 10/29/2020 ADHS documents
- Highlighted the newest recommendations:
 - When all three benchmarks have moved to a greater risk category consider transitioning to the appropriate risk model
 - One or more benchmarks in red category in red for two or more weeks even if different benchmarks schools should consult with local health department to determine to prepare to transition back to virtual learning
 - If all three benchmarks in red category ADHS recommends transitioning to virtual instruction in consultation with the local health department
- Spoke to YCHD would likely only consider recommending that a school closes if all three categories are red and even then they would consider individual school setting and circumstances such as transmission within the school setting or staffing concerns

Mrs. Johnson reviewed the ADHS data dashboard highlighting data for Yuma County and other counties and demonstrated how to look at laboratory testing to predict weekly percent positivity.

Discussion went back and forth among board members:

- Parents have the option to keep children in distant learning
- Staff who do not want to work due to nervousness about the virus will be taken on a case by case basis
- Discussion took place about whether or not to take daily temperature screenings for every child. Mr. Wright and Mr. Jorajuria expressed concern and suggested this would increase mitigation since a rise in cases in Yuma County. Mrs. Johnson that CDC does not recommend universal

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screening and referenced CDC website. It was stated that temperatures are being documented in the office for any child that complains of any symptoms. Teachers are doing general screening of their students. Board members expressed having a greater level of comfort by temperature screening as one more way to use mitigation.

Discussion took place stating the following:

- Inquiring if YCHD can give a written statement
- More discussion about temperature checks

At this time, Mr. Jorajuria made the following motion to revise the Return-to-School plan to state the following:

- When all three benchmarks have moved to a greater risk category, MVS board will consider transitioning to the appropriate Delivery Model (e.g., Hybrid to Virtual)
- If all three benchmarks for Yuma County are in the red category, MVS will transition to virtual learning the Monday immediately following publication of the data on the ADHS website
- Once all three benchmarks are in the moderate category for two consecutive weeks, MVS board will consider transitioning to the traditional learning model
- Once all three benchmarks are in the minimal category for two weeks, MVS board will consider transitioning to the traditional learning model
- Consideration of any transition will include a written recommendation from the Yuma County Health Department
- While in the Hybrid Model, MVS will increase symptom screening efforts to include daily temperature checks, to be documented in writing, for all students, when two of the three benchmarks are red

Mr. Wright seconded the motion. Motion carries with the following votes:

Mr. Tristan Wright – Yay
Mr. Charlie Chavez – Abstained
Mr. Howie Jorajuria – Yay
Mr. Julian Rinehart – Nay

There was a vote on the floor on the amended motion. The motion carries with the following votes:

Mr. Tristan Wright – Yay
Mr. Charlie Chavez – Yay
Mr. Howie Jorajuria – Yay
Mr. Julian Rinehart – Nay

III. FUTURE ITEMS

- Work Board Session either on December 8, 2020 or December 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- Change Board Meeting – December 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm
- Superintendent Evaluation

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Charlie Chavez made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

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A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Governing Board members (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the District Office, 5151 South Avenue 39E, Roll, Arizona.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2020
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date